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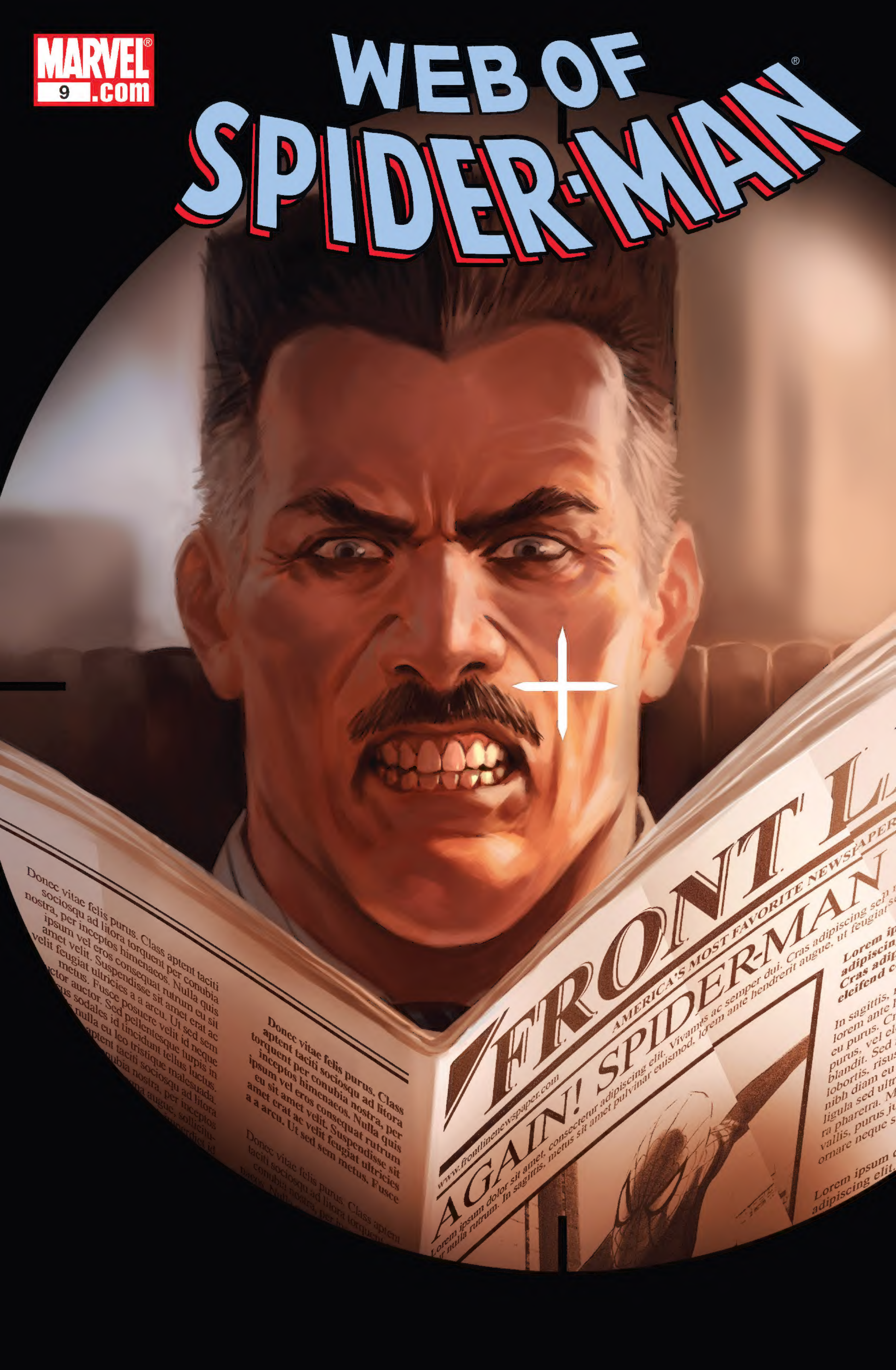
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Many Years Ago...

PROFESSOR XAVIER?

XAVIER INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER LEARNING

MRS. SMITHSON IS STILL WAITING TO SEE YOU...?

OH.

SHE... IS...?

PROFESSOR XAVIER, PLEASE, ***PLEASE*** RECONSIDER MY TYLER FOR THE SPRING TERM. AT LEAST FOR THE WAITING LIST--

I HAVE A NEW I.Q. TEST-- HE SCORED EIGHT POINTS HIGHER--AND HIS ZENER CARD READINGS ARE UP TO 45%--

I'M SORRY, ZENER CARDS GENERATE FAR TOO MANY FALSE POSITIVES FOR ***CLAIRVOYANCE*** AND ARE NIGH-***USELESS*** TO DETECT ***TELEPATHY.***

AND USING KOROTKOV'S ***PERTURBATION TECHNIQUE,*** TYLER DID GREAT IDENTIFYING ***KIRLIAN AURAS--***

PULSED ELECTRICAL FIELD EXCITATION, YES. I FIND KOROTKOV'S METHODOLOGY FAULTY.

WELL, ***ALSO--***

MRS. SMITHSON.

I ***AM*** SORRY YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.

BUT AS I TOLD YOU IN MY ***LETTER,*** I REVIEWED TYLER'S CASE ***THOROUGHLY...***

...AND HE DOES *NOT* QUALIFY FOR MY SCHOOL'S PROGRAM.

PROFESSOR... ARE YOU *SURE...?*

I'M SURE, SCOTT. TYLER SMITHSON IS *NOT* A MUTANT.

I SCANNED THE BOY'S MIND *THOROUGHLY*--AND CEREBRO DETECTS *NOTHING.*

COME, TYLER...

HE IS *HOMO SAPIENS* THROUGH AND THROUGH.

BUT...

WHAT?

BUT I WOULDN'T SAY...

"...THAT MAKES HIM *'NORMAL.'*"

SPEED LIMIT 35

STUCK-UP.

BALD.

CRIPPLE!

HE CAN'T SEE. *NOBODY* CAN SEE.

BUT *I* CAN.

ONE DAY... *SOON...*

...*EVERYONE* WILL SEE HOW *SPECIAL* YOU ARE, TYLER.

NOW MOVE YOUR FEET.

IT'S THREE MILES TO THE TRAIN STATION.

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For the first time in years, Iron Man, Captain America and Thor are teammates on The Avengers. News agents everywhere have begun speculating... (more)

THE JACKPOT HITS?
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SOMETHING'S COOKING IN THE KITCHEN –
After an intense firefight in Hell's Kitchen, dozens of H.A.M.M.E.R. agents have, after much speculation, been confirmed missing by a source in Norman Osborn's organization. The source also said that... (more)

To the world at large, Peter is known by his alter ego, Spider-Man. In the past few weeks, though, Spidey's had to confront his toughest and deadliest foes. With opponents coming at him from every angle, Spider-Man's had to face a gauntlet of some of his fiercest opponents.

The worst, though, came when Peter's longtime boss, Mayor J. Jonah Jameson, fired him. After falsifying a photo to make the mayor look like a hero, Peter quickly became the most unemployable photographer in the city. For once, Peter Parker was more of a menace to the public than the web-slinging Spider-Man.

When Mark Branden, a bombastic TV talking head, publicly drubbed the Wall-Crawler (along with the Avengers and every other spandex-clad super-cad on the planet), he was murdered by The Extremist, a bizarre, seemingly ghostly superhuman who appeared and murdered him.

Unemployed Peter Parker sought to draw out The Extremist by using his most embarrassing Spidey photos to create an anti-Spider-Man blog, angering his best bud, Flash Thompson. His plan worked – albeit a bit too well, as The Extremist appeared in Peter's house to kill him. Only problem? The Extremist is invisible – but Pete's roommate, Michele Gonzales can see him just fine...

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Now.

MY UNCLE BEN ONCE SAID:

"PETER, MY BOY,

PARKER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

"IF PEOPLE ARE YELLING AT YOU THAT THERE'S A **THREAT**, EVEN ONE YOU CAN'T SEE OR HEAR OR **SMELL**...

DON'T JUST **STAND** THERE!!

"AND YOUR **SPIDER-SENSE** IS GOING **HAYWIRE**...

SHRAAKKKKK

"MAYBE YOU SHOULD **DUCK ANYWAY**...JUST TO BE **SURE**."

OKAY, SO HE NEVER *ACTUALLY* SAID THAT.

BUT THAT *IS* JUST THE KIND OF INCREDIBLY *WISE* THING HE *WOULD* HAVE SAID, YOU KNOW?

KRAKATHOOM

YES. LEAVE, WOMAN.

YOU ARE NOT TARGET.

SO DO I USE MY SPIDER-ABILITIES TO THE *MAX* TO GET AWAY FROM THIS GUY (WHEREVER *HE* IS), THEREBY GIVING AWAY MY *SECRET IDENTITY* TO MICHELE...

...OR DO I CONTINUE TO PLAY "REGULAR JOE," AND TURN INTO "REGULAR *CORPSE*"?

PARKER'S *AURA* BETRAYS HIM AS VENAL AND *WEAK*...

...THE PERFECT AGENT OF THE GREY...

HEY!

K-A-CHUNNK

DON'T MESS WITH A WOMAN'S REFRIGERATOR!!

CHOOOM

SKSSSSSHHHH

WHOO-BOY.

AAAHH!

YOU... ARE YOU...

PRODUCER... OR LOOTER...

PARAGON... OR PARASITE...

WUNKCH

NO. NOT TARGET.

SO LEAVE. WITH MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY.

HUH? HOW'D YOU KNOW...

OOH! OOH! WILL YOU INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR NEW FRIEND, FLASH? I LOVE PARTY GAMES! CAN I PLAY TOO?

I KNOW THIS GREAT ONE CALLED "MAFIA!"

OR, IF YOU PREFER, "MAGGIA."

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN IN THE EXTREMIST PART 2

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PARKER!

CAN YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS FROM *SHAKING* LONG ENOUGH TO DIAL 911?

PARKER...?

FIGURES.

SPIDER-MAN.

AN *HONOR.*

WISH I COULD SAY THE *SAME,* HOODIE...

...BUT KILLING PEOPLE WHO *CRITICIZE* ME?

NOT REALLY HOW I *ROLL.*

SO ONCE *PARKER* STARTED HIS "*SPIDER-FAIL*" BLOG, I STAKED OUT HIS *PAD* AND...

...UH...

COULD YOU DO ME A BIG FAVOR AND LET ME *HIT* YOU?

THANKS.

YOUR RESISTANCE TO MY CRUSADE PLEASES ME.

WHOW!

UHHFFFF!!

KNNNKCH

IF YOU FELT ANY OTHER WAY, YOU WOULD NOT BE WORTHY OF MY SUPPORT.

YOU ARE THE IDEAL TO WHICH ALL MEN CAN AND SHOULD STRIVE TO GUIDE THEIR CHOICES IN LIFE.

I DO WHAT YOU CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT.

I ELIMINATE THOSE WHO WOULD DRAG YOU FROM YOUR RIGHTFUL PEDESTAL, DOWN INTO THE GREY--

HRRM.

ODD...

YOUR AURA.

IT'S THE SAME AS PARKER'S.

YOU CAN TELL HE'S A *LOSER* JUST BY *LOOKING* AT HIM?

HEY, *I'VE* GOT THAT SUPER-POWER *TOO.*

LIE DOWN WITH YOUR HANDS ON YOUR NECK! THE COPS ARE ON THE WAY!

CH-CHUNNK

I'VE BEEN *READING AURAS* SINCE I WAS *BORN.*

AND FOUND MOST HUMAN BEINGS TO BE LIKE *THIS ONE,* HERE.

IDEALISTIC AND *HOPEFUL* IN YOUTH, WHEN IT'S EASY TO THINK YOUR DESTINY IS TO CORRECT ALL THE *MISTAKES* OF YOUR PREDECESSORS.

YOU WERE A...*PUBLIC DEFENDER* ONCE, YES?

HOW...

WHO *ARE* YOU...?

BUT THEN YOU *TIRED.* ONCE YOU REALIZED *NOBILITY* WAS ITS ONLY REWARD, YOU *ABANDONED* IT...

WHOOP!

OKAY, I AM OFFICIALLY *SICK* OF THIS.

AND NOW YOUR LIFE IS A SERIES OF PETTY VENDETTAS AGAINST FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, *ROOMMATES...*

GHOOOOM

...AND THE DISADVANTAGED *FAMILIES* WHO SUE THE VARIOUS *CORPORATIONS* YOU DEFEND--

S-STAY BACK--

I GOT YOUR BACK, SPIDEY!

WHAT ABOUT ME, CREEP? YOU SAID I WAS NO TARGET!

YOU GONNA RISK HURTING ME TO GET AT HER? HUH?

YOU ARE AN INTERESTING CASE.

YOU ARE GOOD NOW.

"YOU STARTED OUT AS A BULLY, THOUGH.

"PICKING ON THE WEAK, THE DEFENSELESS.

"BUT YOU FOUND A POSITIVE CHANNEL FOR THAT AGGRESSION.

"EVENTUALLY."

WE ARE OUR CHOICES, SPIDER-MAN.

LET GO OF--

HEY-- WHAT ARE YOU--

BLACK INTO WHITE, OR WHITE INTO BLACK.

BUT NOT GREY.

NEVER GREY.

HEEELLLLLP!

HOW IS HE *DOING* THAT?!

WEEOOOO WEEOOOO WEEOOOO

STOP! COME BACK HERE!

OR...

OR I'LL SAY "STOP" AGAIN!

POLICE

PEOPLE ARE FAR MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT THEY *ARE* THAN WHAT THEY *DO*.

BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH *EASIER* TO SIMPLY *BE* THAN TO *ACT*.

DR. PHIL WITH A RAY GUN, HERE.

WHITE.
DISABLED.
FEMALE.
HISPANIC.
THE GREY REDUCES INDIVIDUALS TO *CATEGORIES* SO WE DON'T HAVE TO THINK FOR *OURSELVES.*
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DIFFERENT... BUT NOW... I *SEE...*
...LIKE *PARKER*, YOU ARE PURELY *REACTIVE.*
"SO CONCERNED WITH MAKING THE *WRONG* DECISION, YOU MAKE *NO* DECISION...
"...AND THOSE AROUND YOU SUFFER."

LOOK-- WHAT DO YOU *WANT?*

JUST PUT THEM *DOWN,* AND WE'LL--

PUT THEM DOWN?

HMM.

YOU KNOW, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA.

WAIT-- DON'T--

BUT I WANT YOU TO MAKE A *CHOICE.*

WITHOUT *CATEGORIES.*

AAAA

NO—!

IT'S MY ACE IN THE HOLE. MY *SPIDER-SENSE.*

I DON'T *ADVERTISE* IT, SO FEW KNOW I EVEN *HAVE* IT.

SO I *LEAP...*

...AND *CLOSE MY EYES...*

...DO MY BEST *MATT MURDOCK IMITATION...*

...AND WASTE A PRODIGIOUS AMOUNT OF *WEB FLUID.*

TWIP

TWIP

TWIP

GOTCHA!

YEAH! YA DID.

AND IT'S CALLED ASSAULTING AN OFFICER!

WE'RE TRYIN' TO DO OUR JOBS, BUG! WHY YOU SHOOTIN' YOUR SILLY STRING ALL OVER US?

OH, UH...

...SORRY, GUYS, SEE, I HAD MY EYES CLOSED, AND, ER...

NYPD

CALL MORE POLICE. THEY CAN BREATHE IN THERE, BUT I'D RATHER NOT KEEP THEM WAITING.

DON'T TOUCH ME.

BETTER HIGH-TAIL IT LICKETY SPLIT BACK TO MY PLACE, BEFORE...

OH. WAIT.

THIS *IS* MY PLACE.

GUESS IT'S TO HOME *AWAY* FROM HOME, THEN...

...WHICH, COME TO THINK OF IT...

Avengers Tower.

...MAY HELP ME IN *OTHER* WAYS, TOO...

THE X-MEN AREN'T EXACTLY THE INTERNET MUTANT DATABASE, SPIDER-MAN.

WHOA! HEY!

MUTANT... HUMAN...

AREN'T THESE JUST **CATEGORIES** WE USE TO KEEP OURSELVES FROM **THINKING**, CYCLOPS?

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT FROM?

"THE QUOTABLE PSYCHOPATH."

ALL I KNOW IS THIS MANIAC IS ON A ***KILLING SPREE*** AND HE SAID HE WAS ***BORN*** WITH HIS POWERS.

WOLVERINE TOLD ME YOU GUYS KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE ***KNOWN MUTANTS*** OVER THERE--

HEY, LEAVE ME OUTTA THIS.

I JUST GAVE YOU THE ***NUMBER.***

I'M AT MY **WIT'S END** WITH THIS GUY, AND I COULD USE A **NAME--**

WELL... I CAN CHECK CEREBRO'S FILES...

WHAT'S THE *POWER SET?*

INVISIBILITY, INSUBSTANTIABILITY, LEVITATION...HE CAN READ PEOPLE BY THEIR AURAS--

WELL, I DON'T EVEN NEED TO CHECK THE *LIST* TO KNOW THAT'S NOT...

...

WHAT IS IT?

"A FEW YEARS BACK, THERE WAS A '*NEW AGE*' FUROR OVER '*INDIGO CHILDREN*'...

"THE *SPOON-BENDING SET* BELIEVED KIDS WITH AN *INDIGO AURA* WERE THE *NEXT STAGE* IN HUMAN EVOLUTION.

"GUESS THEY DIDN'T GET THE MEMO ABOUT US *MUTANTS*. A LOT OF THESE KIDS WERE LATER DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD.

"BUT I REMEMBER...*ONE* WOMAN WHO REALLY *BELIEVED* THIS STUFF KEPT WRITING THE PROFESSOR, *BEGGING* HIM TO TAKE HER KID..."

...EVEN THOUGH HE FOUND NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY ABOUT HIM.

HERE WE GO-- HIS APPLICATIONS ARE STILL IN SCHOOL RECORDS.

TYLER SMITHSON WAS HIS NAME.

AND HIS MOTHER CLAIMED HE HAD THE EXACT SAME POWER SET YOU JUST DESCRIBED...

PETER PARKER...

...You have become a MINNOW in my eyes, and I think I shall throw you back to SEA.

Spider-Man shares your AURA, and therefore your weakness, but HIS fall...

...which, thanks to his FLAWED CHARACTER, is GUARANTEED...

...will be a victory for THE GREY unlike any it's ever SEEN.

The IDEA of Spider-Man, the HERO, is so much more important than the REALITY...

...so to PRESERVE it, I must ERASE its greatest ENEMY:

Spider-Man HIMSELF.

TRAP

HE set a trap for ME.

Perhaps I should return the...

...IN A CEREMONY AT CITY HALL EARLIER TODAY...

...MAYOR JAMESON GAVE THE KEY TO THE CITY TO EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE 11TH PRECINCT AFTER THEY SURVIVED WHAT HE DESCRIBED...

...AS "A VICIOUS **WEB-BASED ATTACK**" BY THE MASKED VIGILANTE **SPIDER-MAN** WHEN THEY RESPONDED TO A DISTURBANCE AT A WEST SIDE APARTMENT BUILDING.

SOME MIGHT SAY THE **DRY CLEANING** OF OFFICERS' UNIFORMS AFTER THIS **BRAZEN** ASSAULT IS A **MINOR** EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS!

WELL I SAY, IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, WHEN THE TAXPAYER IS **ALREADY** SQUEEZED TO THE LIMIT, THERE **IS NO** "MINOR EXPENDITURE"!

I'LL ADD TODAY'S WASTEFUL SPENDING TO A LIST OF THE NEEDLESS EXPENSES SPIDER-MAN HAS PERSONALLY CAUSED OUR CASH-STRAPPED CITY TO ENDURE!

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AND ONCE THE CITY'S NEW SPIDER-DEBT CLOCK GOES UP IN TIMES SQUARE, ALL OF NEW YORK WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HOW THE WALL-CRAWLER IS SQUANDERING YOUR TAX DOLLARS--

HRM.

YOO-HOO?

EXTREEEEEEEMIST?

SKRAAASH

OR SHOULD I SAY "TYLER"?

CAN YOU COME OUT AND...

BEST PART OF THE AVENGERS MAKING *KISSY-FACE* WITH THE FEDS AGAIN?

ACCESS TO *BANK STATEMENTS* AND *CREDIT CARD RECORDS*.

DRAT.

SO THIS IS WHERE TYLER HANGS HIS HOOD...OR *DID*...

THIS LOOKS LEFT HERE "ACCIDENTALLY-ON PURPOSE"...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M STILL ONE STEP *BEHIND*...

OH.

OH NO.

SPIDER-DEBT
$35,673,892
YOUR SHARE $
MISTER MAYOR!
MAYOR JAMESON, SIR!
WHATEVER IT *IS*, IT CAN *WAIT!*
I'M WATCHING MY LATEST MONUMENT TO ***RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE*** GOING UP BEFORE MY VERY EYES!
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE KIDDING, JONAH.
SPIDER-DEBT
NEWS
I'M AFRAID WE NEED TO MOVE YOU TO A ***SECURE LOCATION*** IMMEDIATELY, SIR!!
MAYOR'S OFFICE-- ***CLEAR!***
WHY--LET GO OF ME! I CAN STILL WALK UNDER MY OWN POWER!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING--
THIS JUST ARRIVED IN THE MAILROOM, MS. GRANT--NO STAMP, NO POSTMARK.

HAND-DELIVERED-- JUST NOW!!

THE EXTREMIST IS SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING!!

WE HAVE TO MOVE!!

YOU

MOVE

To Be Concluded...

JACKPOT IN REFLECTIONS

MARC GUGGENHEIM WRITER SANA TAKEDA ARTIST
DAVE SHARPE LETTERER TOM BRENNAN EDITOR

I SWORE I'D *NEVER* WEAR THIS DAMN COSTUME AGAIN.

WHICH KINDA MAKES YOU WONDER WHY I PACKED IT IN MY SUITCASE TO BEGIN WITH.

WOMAN'S INTUITION?

GUT FEELING?

SPIDEY-SENSE?

NONE OF THE ABOVE.

I PACKED IT--

--BROUGHT IT WITH ME ALL THE WAY FROM *CALIFORNIA*--

--IN CASE I FELT COMPELLED TO *KILL* SOMEONE.

NOT THIS GUY.

SHOCKER.

POOF

CHOK

GHF--

I'M A LITTLE JET-LAGGED HERE, SO I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK...

THE EASTERN WIND. GIVE ME SOMETHING USEFUL, I BOTHER *THEM* INSTEAD OF YOU.

SIMPLE.

SORRY. CAN'T HELP YOU. AND I THINK YOU'LL FIND NOBODY ELSE IS GONNA, EITHER.

THAT SO? PRAY TELL.

WORD'S GONE OUT. ANYONE WHO FLIPS ON THAT CREW GETS THEIR TICKET PUNCHED.

A KILL ORDER'S ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR ONE GUY JUST FOR EVEN *TALKING* TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE ABOUT MAKING A DEAL.

IN THREE SECONDS, I'LL ASK SHOCK-FACE WHO HE'S TALKING ABOUT...

...BUT I HAVE A FEELING I ALREADY KNOW.

SIX HOURS EARLIER.

IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU NEED TO TAKE A MOMENT. I KNOW THIS IS HARD...

NO, I'M FINE.

I BELIEVE YOU WERE SAYING...?

THAT'S THE MAN...

SITTING RIGHT THERE. THAT'S THE MAN. THAT'S HIM.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT THE WITNESS HAS IDENTIFIED THE DEFENDANT, ***FREDERICK MYERS*** A/K/A ***"BOOMERANG"***...

"...AS THE MAN WHO MURDERED HER HUSBAND, SCOTT EHRET."

PASS THE WITNESS.

MRS. EHRET, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY THIS "BOOMERANG"--OR ***ANYONE*** FOR THAT MATTER--WOULD WANT TO KILL YOUR HUSBAND?

NO.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY "BOOMERANG" MIGHT WANT TO KILL ***YOU?***

I'M A SUPER HERO.

EXCUSE ME?

I FIGHT CRIME UNDER THE ALIAS, "JACKPOT."

AND WHY DO YOU CALL YOURSELF JACKPOT?

...

...IT'S KIND OF AN INSIDE JOKE.

IN YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A SUPER HERO, DO YOUR FOES, YOUR ARCH-ENEMIES--

(I'M UNCLEAR AS TO THE PROPER NOMENCLATURE.)

--DOES YOUR "ROGUES GALLERY" GENERALLY ENTER YOUR HOME WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF FORCED ENTRY--

SCOTT THOUGHT HE WAS OPENING THE DOOR FOR THE DELIVERY MAN.

"DELIVERY MAN." IS THAT A FELLOW SUPER HERO?

OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE AND A LITTLE OBNOXIOUS.

WITHDRAWN.

YOU BEING A SUPER HERO AND ALL, I TAKE IT THAT YOU APPREHENDED YOUR HUSBAND'S ASSAILANT AT THIS TIME.

NO, I--

WHAT *DID* YOU DO?

MY DAUGHTER WAS THERE. I HAD TO GET HER TO SAFETY.

WHICH WOULD BE THE UNDISCLOSED LOCATION YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS?

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT.

JUDGING FROM THE LACK OF ACTIVITY ON ANY OF YOUR CREDIT CARDS OR UTILITIES, IT WOULD APPEAR YOU'RE ALSO LIVING UNDER AN ***ALIAS***...

SORRY. IS THERE A QUESTION EVEN ***REMOTELY*** IN OUR FUTURE HERE?

YES. AND HERE IT IS:

THREE MONTHS AGO, YOUR HUSBAND WAS KILLED BY SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T FORCE HIMSELF INTO YOUR HOME.

AFTER WHICH, YOU FLED THE JURISDICTION TO LIVE IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME.

SO MY QUESTION IS WHETHER YOU FOUND IT ***EXTRAORDINARILY CONVENIENT*** THAT THE POLICE ARRESTED SOME-ONE ***OTHER THAN*** YOURSELF.

"WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?"

IT'S CALLED CROSS-EXAMINATION.

SHE ACCUSED ME OF MURDERING MY HUSBAND!

WHEN I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE HARD, CONVICTING MYERS WITHOUT YOUR DAUGHTER'S CORROBORATION...

WITHOUT REVEALING THE ALIAS YOU'RE LIVING UNDER...WHEN I TOLD YOU THIS WAS A *LONG SHOT*...

WHAT DID YOU *THINK* I WAS TALKING ABOUT?

I KNOW YOU'LL HATE THIS... BUT WHAT IF MATTIE...

NO. I WASN'T WILLING TO EXPOSE MATTIE BEFORE. AND WHAT I JUST ENJOYED IN THERE DOESN'T EXACTLY CHANGE MY MIND.

THEN I THINK WE HAVE TO GO TO PLAN B.

THERE'S A PLAN B? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANY-THING?

'CAUSE YOU'RE GONNA HATE IT.

I DOUBT IT.

MY BOSS...SHE'S PUTTING TOGETHER A CASE AGAINST A SUSPECTED ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP CALLED THE EASTERN WIND.

MYERS CLAIMS TO HAVE DONE SOME WORK FOR THEM.

AND HE'S WILLING TO NAME NAMES.

IN EXCHANGE FOR...

WITNESS PROTECTION.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I HATE IT.

MRS. EHRET--

WITNESS PROTECTION ISN'T PUNISHMENT. IT'S PRACTICALLY THE EXACT *OPPOSITE*--

I KNOW. BUT IT GETS HIM OFF THE STREETS, AT LEAST, AND--

AND MY HANDS ARE TIED HERE.

HEY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA: UNTIE YOUR #*$% HANDS AND TELL YOUR "BOSS" TO BACK THE #$%& OFF MYERS.

SHE'S MY *BOSS.*

AND EVEN IF SHE WASN'T, ORGANIZED CRIME ORGANIZATION TRUMPS SUPER VILLAIN.

YOU USED TO BE A SPANDEX, YOU KNOW THE SCORE.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I AM A "SPANDEX."

SO WHAT IF I PUT MY SPANDEX ON, GO OUT AND GIVE YOUR BOSS SOMEONE ELSE?

WHAT?

SHE WANTS EASTERN WIND SO BADLY, WHAT IF I GIVE HER SOMEONE ELSE WHO CAN TESTIFY AGAINST THEM?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK...

"...JACKPOT'S COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT."

A KILL ORDER'S ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR ONE GUY JUST FOR EVEN *TALKING* TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE ABOUT MAKING A DEAL.

WORD ON THE STREET'S ANY GOOD, IT'S ALREADY GOING DOWN.

"IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES, GIVE OR TAKE TEN, FRED MYERS IS A *DEAD MAN.*"

SO YOU MIGHT ASK YOURSELF, WHY SHOULD I CARE?

THIS SCUM KILLED MY *HUSBAND.*

WHY SHOULD I CARE IF SOME OTHER SCUM WANTS TO KILL HIM?

BECAUSE I HAD MY CHANCE TO KILL HIM AND I DECIDED I WANTED *JUSTICE,* NOT VENGEANCE.

AND I'LL BE *DAMNED* IF I'M GOING TO LET *ANYONE* TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME.

EXCEPT THIS NEWS CHOPPER'S BEELINING STRAIGHT FOR RYKER'S.

THAT'S NOT A VERY PROMISING SIGN.

NEITHER IS *THIS.*

AND BY "THANK YOU KISS," I MEAN A BEATDOWN AND A TRIP TO WHICHEVER CELL MYERS WAS OCCUPYING IN HERE.

I'VE READ ABOUT THIS GUY.

HEY... WHITE DRAGON, RIGHT?

WHOEVER KILLED MYERS...I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A BIG THANK YOU KISS.

THEY CALL ME THE BLACK DRAGON NOW!

WELL, WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, YOU TOOK SOMETHING FROM ME.

SO PLEASE...

...PUT UP A FIGHT.

WELL, THIS IS... UNEXPECTED.

BREAKING NEWS

LIVE

YOU KNOW THIS ONE?

MM. SHE CAUSED SOME TROUBLE FOR OVERDRIVE A FEW MONTHS BACK.

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S CAUSING TROUBLE FOR US *NOW.*

THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE A *DISASTER.*

COME NOW, QWAN...

...DON'T BE SO *NEGATIVE.*

TO BE CONTINUED...